BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS MODEN (ABP/USPS-T4-11)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory of the American Business Press: ABP/USPS-T4-11, filed on August 20, 1997, and redirected from witness Moden.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABP/USPS-T-4-11

[a] Has USPS conducted mailer surveys or requested data from publishers and/or their associations or from other mailers determine how many more barcoded pieces may be expected in the test year if bar-code readers are affixed to FSM 1000 equipment? If your answer is affirmative, please provide a summary of the results to date and continue to update.

Response:

a. Yes, the Postal Service did conduct an informal survey, but the results were inconclusive. The results did suggest that many non-automated, non-machinable pieces would become barcoded.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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